

FIG. 1.

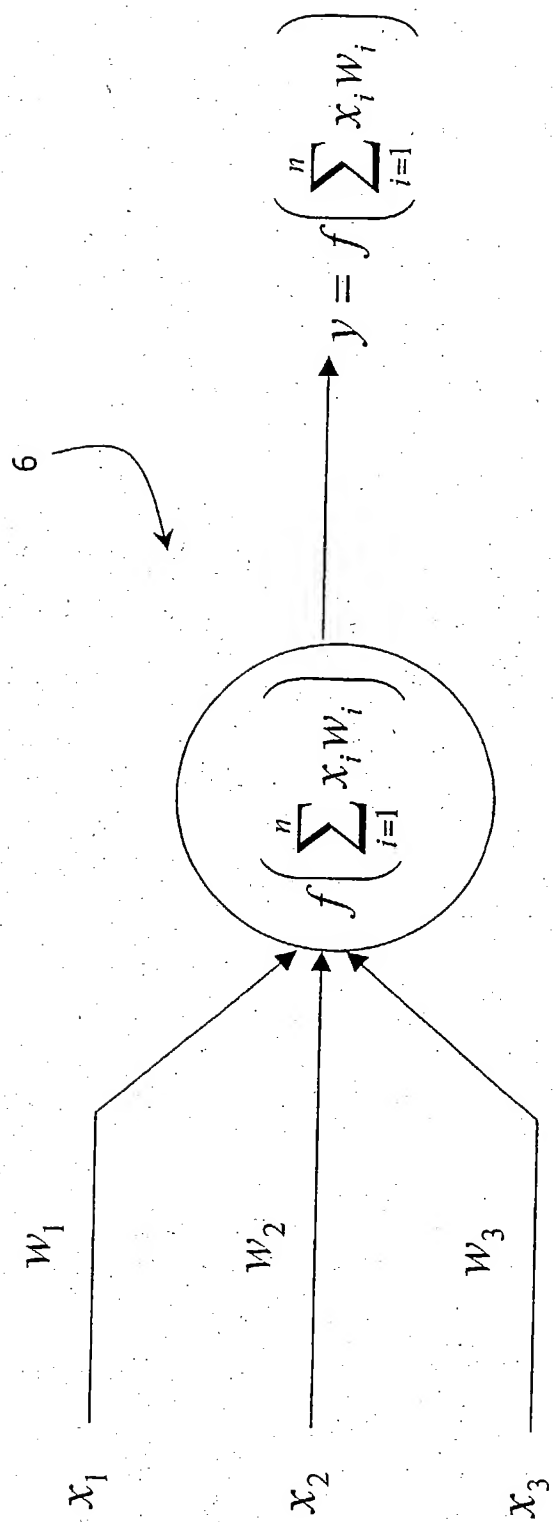
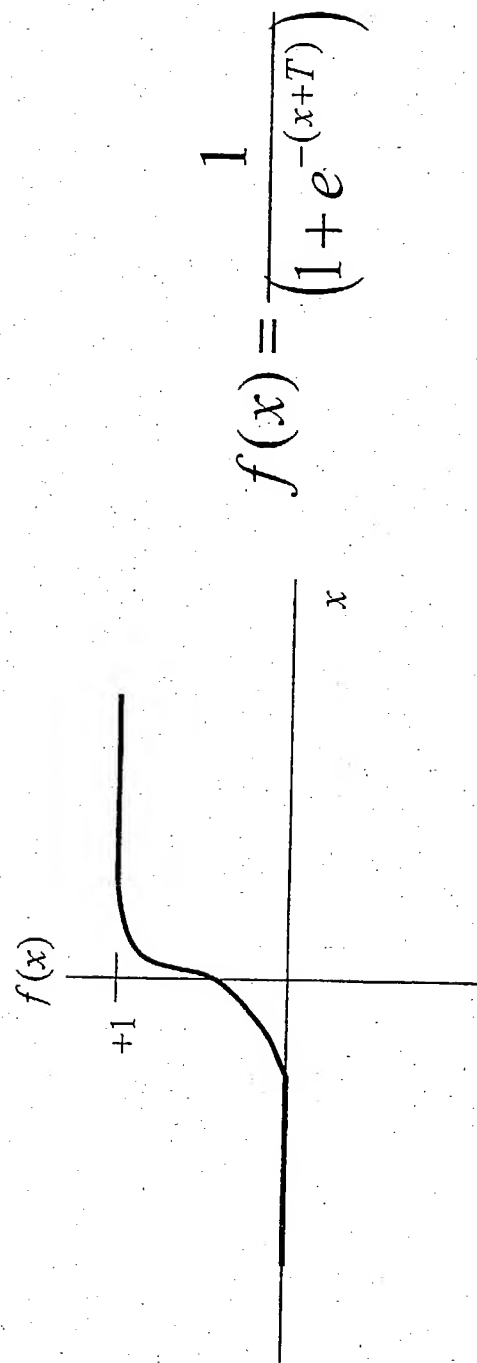


FIG. 2.



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x+T)}}$$

FIG. 3.

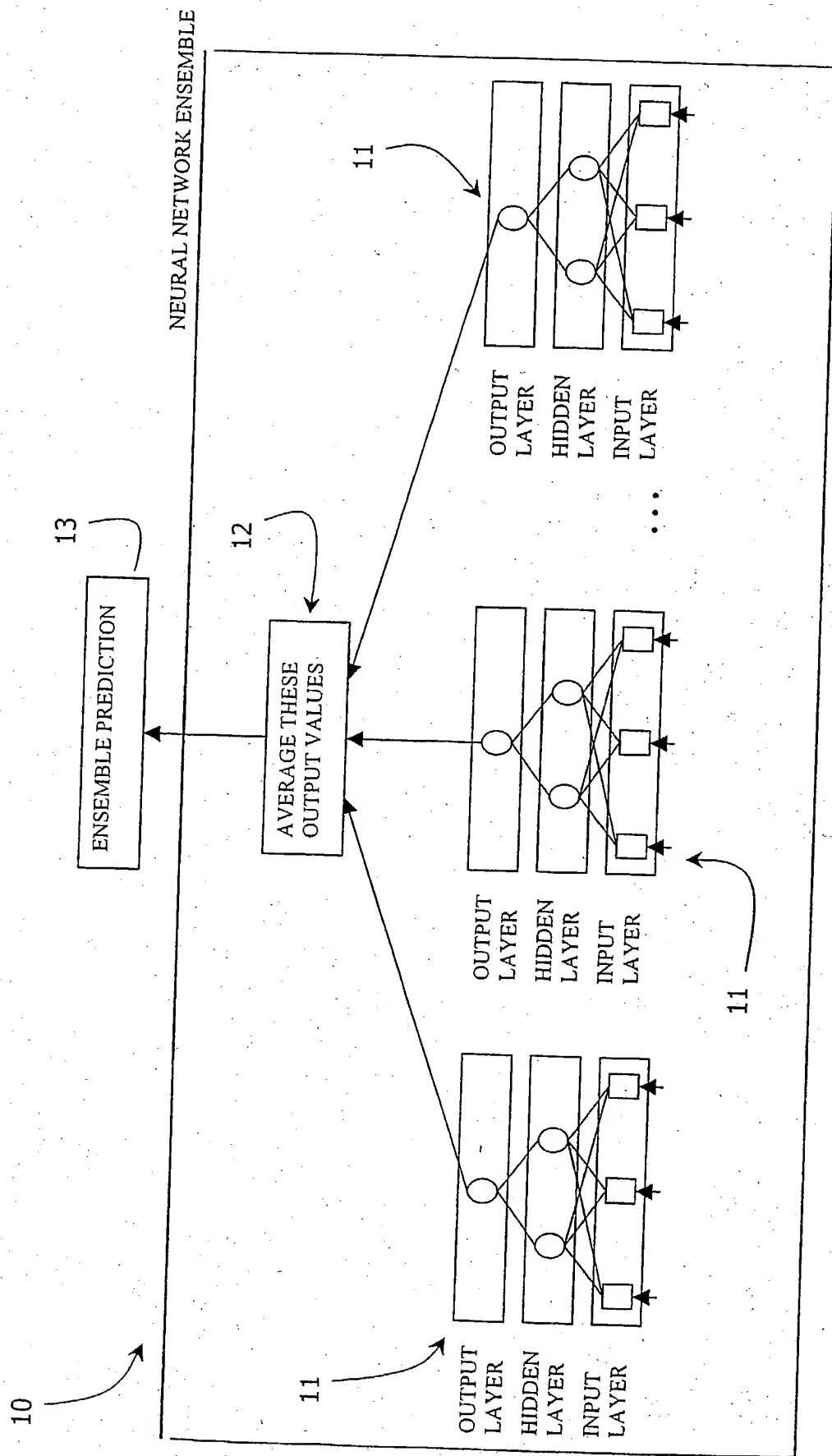


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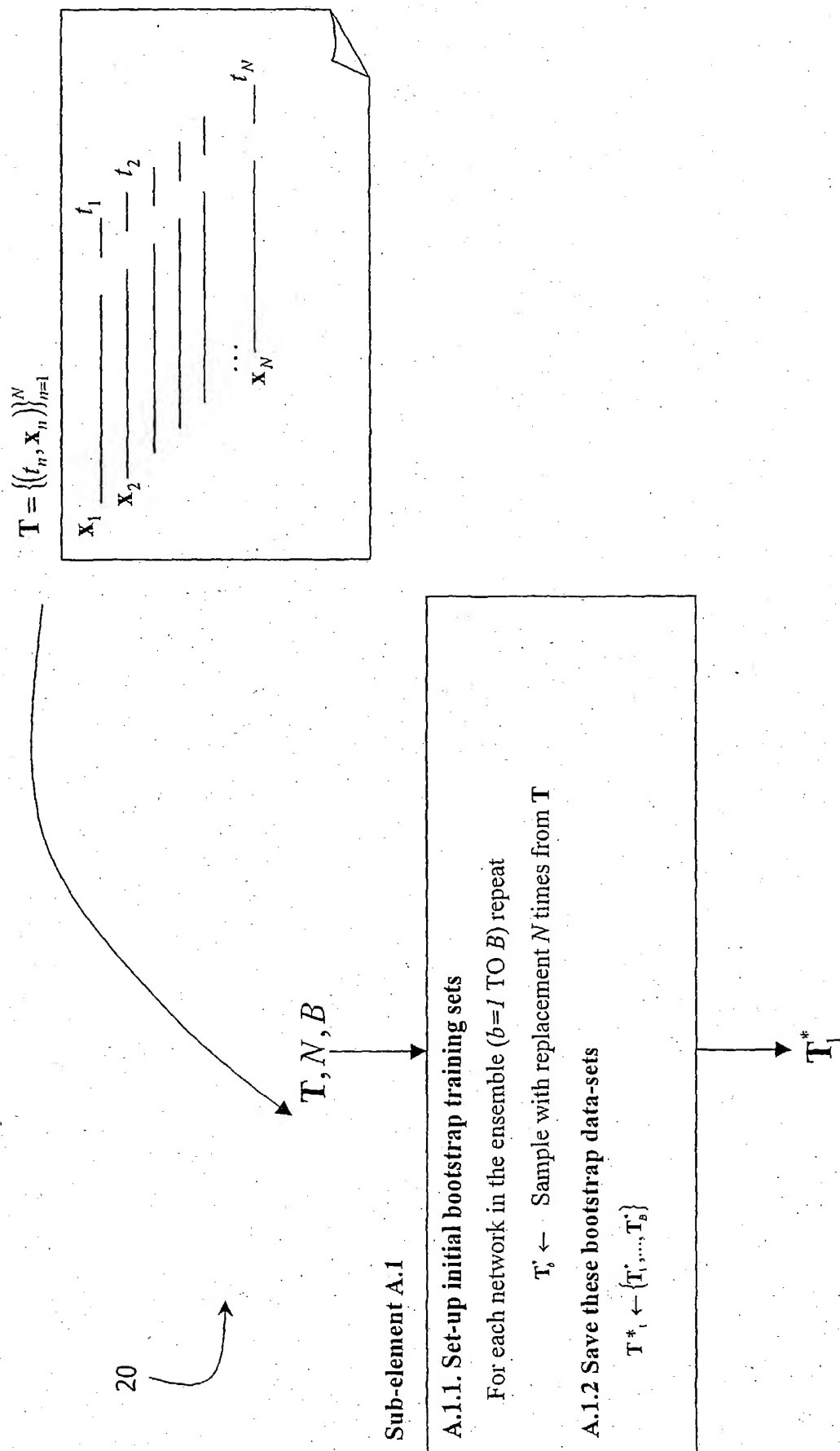


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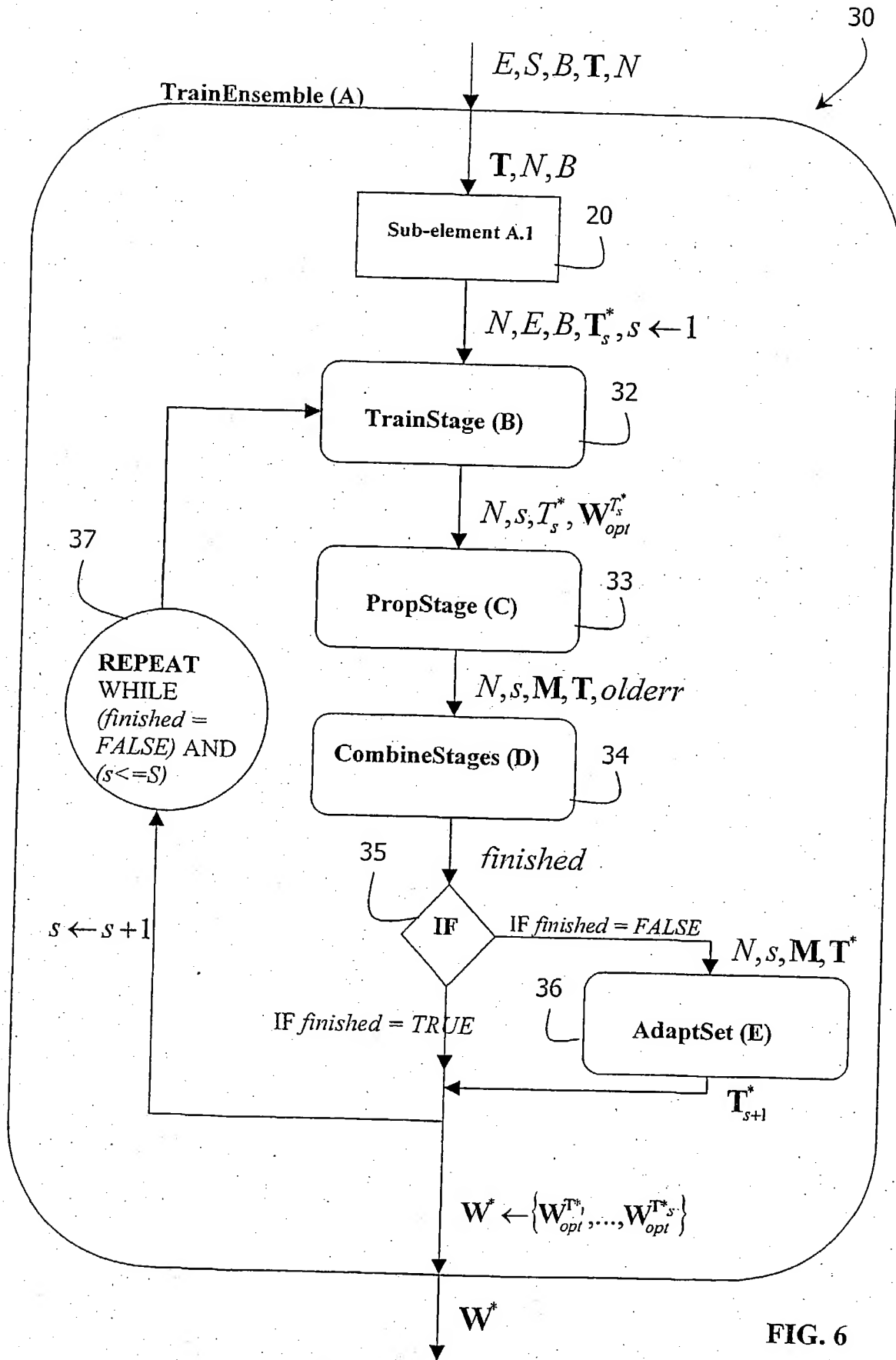


FIG. 6

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 $N, E, S, B, \mathbf{T}_s^*$ 

TrainStage (B)

**B.1 Copy training sets for this stage into individual sets**

$$\{\mathbf{T}_1^*, \dots, \mathbf{T}_n^*\} \leftarrow \mathbf{T}_s^*$$

**B.2 Compute generalisation error estimates for each training vector**For every training vector ( $n=1$  TO  $N$ ) in the original training set repeatFor every epoch ( $e=1$  TO  $E$ ) repeat

Compute:

$$\mathbf{G}_e^n \leftarrow \left( t_n - \frac{\sum_{b=1}^B \gamma_n^b \left( \phi(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w}_e^{\mathbf{T}_s^*}) \right)}{\sum_{b=1}^B \gamma_n^b} \right)^2$$

**B.3 Aggregate the ensemble generalisation error estimates**For every epoch ( $e=1$  TO  $E$ ) repeat

Compute:

$$\mathbf{A}_e \leftarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{G}_e^n$$

**B.4 Find the best value for  $e$  for each network in the ensemble**

$$e_{opt} \leftarrow \arg \min_e (\mathbf{A}_e)$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{opt}^{\mathbf{T}_s^*} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{e_{opt}}^{\mathbf{T}_s^*}$$

 $\mathbf{W}_{opt}^{\mathbf{T}_s^*}$ 

FIG. 7

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$$N, s, \mathbf{T}_s^*, \mathbf{W}_{opt}^{\mathbf{T}_s^*}$$

PropStage (C)

**C.1 Compute ensemble outputs for each training example for this stage**

For every training vector ( $n=1$  TO  $N$ ) in the original training set

Compute:

$$\mathbf{M}_n^s \leftarrow \frac{\sum_{b=1}^B \gamma_n^b (\phi(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w}_{opt}^{\mathbf{T}_s^*}))}{\sum_{b=1}^B \gamma_n^b}$$

**M**

**FIG. 8**



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 $N, s, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{T}, olderr$ 

CombineStages (D)

**D.1 Set new variable as upper bound on number of stages so far** $numstages \leftarrow s$ **D.2 Sum ensemble outputs across stages**For every training vector ( $n=1$  TO  $N$ ) in the original training set

Compute:

$$S_n \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^{numstages} M_n^j$$

**D.3 Calculate staged ensemble generalisation error**

$$newerror \leftarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (t_n - S_n)^2$$

**D.4 If no improvement finish training**IF  $s=1$  $olderr \leftarrow newerror$ ELSE IF ( $newerror > (\partial * olderr)$ ) $finished \leftarrow 1$ ELSE IF ( $newerror < olderr$ ) $olderr \leftarrow newerror$ 

FIG. 9

 $\downarrow$  *finished*

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 $N, s, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{T}_s^*$ 

AdaptSet (E)

**E.1 Set new variable as upper bound on number of stages so far** $numstages \leftarrow s$ **E.2 Sum ensemble outputs across stages**For every training vector ( $n=1$  TO  $N$ ) in the original training set

Compute:

$$\mathbf{S}_n \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^{numstages} \mathbf{M}_n^j$$

**E.3 Adapt training set**For every training vector ( $n=1$  TO  $N$ ) in the original training set

Compute:

$$t_{n,s+1}^* \leftarrow t_{n,s}^* - \mathbf{S}_n$$

 $\mathbf{T}_{s+1}^*$ 

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